

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 737

Introduced by Assembly Member Longville

February 19, 2003

An act to amend Sections 12814.5 and 14900.1 of the Vehicle, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 737, as introduced, Longville. Vehicles: driver's licenses: fees.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Director of Motor Vehicles to establish a program under which the Department of Motor Vehicles may renew driver's licenses by mail for licensees not holding a probationary license, and whose records, for the 2 years immediately preceding the determination of eligibility for the renewal, meet certain conditions.

This bill would extend the specified 2-year period to 5 years.

(2) Existing law imposes a fee of \$15 for renewal of a driver's license.

This bill would increase the specified fee to \$30 and would exempt from that fee increase driver's licenses renewed by mail.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12814.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 12814.5. (a) The director may establish a program to
4 evaluate the traffic safety and other effects of renewing driver's
5 licenses by mail. Pursuant to that program, the department may

1 renew by mail driver's licenses for licensees not holding a
2 probationary license, and whose records, for the ~~two~~ *five* years
3 immediately preceding the determination of eligibility for the
4 renewal, show no notification of a violation of subdivision (a) of
5 Section 40509, a total violation point count not greater than one as
6 determined in accordance with Section 12810, no suspension of
7 the driving privilege pursuant to Section 13353.2, and no refusal
8 to submit to or complete chemical testing pursuant to Section
9 13353 or 13353.1.

10 (b) The director may terminate the renewal by mail program
11 authorized by this section at any time the department determines
12 that the program has an adverse impact on traffic safety.

13 (c) ~~No renewal~~ *Renewal* by mail ~~shall~~ *may not* be granted to
14 any person who is 70 years of age or older.

15 (d) (1) The department shall charge a fee of twelve dollars
16 (\$12) for each noncommercial license renewal and twenty-seven
17 dollars (\$27) for each commercial license or noncommercial
18 firefighter license renewal granted pursuant to subdivision (a)
19 ~~which~~ *that* expires on the fourth birthday following the date of the
20 application.

21 (2) The department shall charge a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15)
22 for each noncommercial license renewal and thirty-four dollars
23 (\$34) for each commercial license or noncommercial firefighter
24 license renewal granted pursuant to subdivision (a) ~~which~~ *that*
25 expires on the fifth birthday following the date of the application.

26 (e) The department shall notify each licensee granted a renewal
27 by mail pursuant to this section of major changes to the Vehicle
28 Code affecting traffic laws occurring during the prior five-year
29 period.

30 (f) The department ~~shall~~ *may not* renew a driver's license by
31 mail if the license has been previously renewed by mail two
32 consecutive times for five-year periods.

33 SEC. 2. Section 14900.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
34 read:

35 14900.1. (a) Except as provided in ~~Sections~~ *Section*
36 *12814.5, 15250.6 and, or 15255.1*, upon application for the
37 renewal of a driver's license or for a license to operate a different
38 class of vehicle, there shall be paid to the department a fee of
39 ~~fifteen~~ *thirty* dollars ~~(\$15)~~ *(\$30)* for a license that will expire on
40 the fifth birthday of the applicant following the date of the

1 application. The payment of the fee entitles the person paying the
2 fee to apply for a driver's license and to take three examinations
3 within a period of 12 months from the date of the application or
4 during the period that an instruction permit is valid, as provided in
5 Section 12509.

6 (b) In addition to the application fee specified in subdivision
7 (a), a person who fails to successfully complete the driving skill
8 test on the first attempt shall be required to pay an additional fee
9 of five dollars (\$5) for each additional driving skill test
10 administered under that application.

11 (c) The fee specified in subdivision (b) shall be collected in
12 conjunction with any application submitted on or after July 1,
13 2003.

